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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: JUNE 19 PLENARY SESSION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AT THE JUNE 19 PLENARY MEETING OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, THE ONLY STATEMENT WAS DELIVERED BY THE BULGARIAN REP (DICHEV). THE BULGARIAN STATEMENT STRONGLY STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE WEST TO INCLUDE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THEIR MEANS OF DELIVERY IN REDUCTIONS FROM THE OUTSET.
END SUMMARY.

2. IN ARGUING FOR THE REDUCTION "OF UNITS AND SUB-UNITS EQUIPPED WITH TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS", BULGARIAN REP NOTED THE GREAT QUANTITY OF NUCLEAR
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MUNITIONS OF VARYING POWER IN THE AREA AND STRESSED

THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS WERE PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS FOR THICKLY POPULATED AREAS LIKE CENTRAL EUROPE. DICHEV POINTED OUT THAT THE US AND FRG MAINTAINED SUCH UNITS AND SUB-UNITS IN A STATE OF PERMANENT MILITARY READINESS. HE CLAIMED THAT TWO-THIRDS OF US NUCLEAR WARHEADS IN CENTRAL EUROPE WILL BE USED IN CASE OF WAR BY THE WEST EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF NATO AND OBSERVED THAT THE MAJORITY OF SUCH WEAPONS ARE LOCATED ON FRG TERRITORY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT REPORTED ALLIED INTENTIONS TO DEPLOY "MINI-NUKES" ON A LARGE SCALE IN WESTERN EUROPE.

3. BULGARIAN REP SAID IT WAS UNREALISTIC AND UNACCEPTABLE IN THIS SITUATION, FOR THE ALLIES TO MAINTAIN THEIR ARTIFICIAL FOCUS ON GROUND FORCES ALONE. DICHEV SAID IT WAS NECESSARY TO INCLUDE ALL TYPES OF ARMED FORCES, ARMAMENTS AND COMBAT EQUIPMENT IN REDUCTIONS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE AGREED AIMS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO PUT AN END TO THE ARMS RACE. HE SAID THIS MUST BE DONE ON AN EQUAL AND COMPREHENSIVE BASIS, AS OPPOSED TO THE WESTERN PROPOSAL FOR UNILATERAL REDUCTIONS OF SOVIET TANKS. CITING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S BOOK "THE NECESSITY OF CHOICE", FOR THE POINT THAT ANY FUTURE WAR WILL BE NUCLEAR IN GREATER OR LESSER DEGREE, DICHEV CONCLUDED BY CALLING FOR THE REDUCTION NOT ONLY OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS THEMSELVES, BUT ALSO OF THEIR VARIOUS DELIVERY SYSTEMS -- MISSILES, AIRCRAFT AND ALSO ARTILLERY.

4. THE TEXT OF THE JUNE 19 BULGARIAN PLENARY STATEMENT IS BEING TRANSMITTED BY AIRGRAM.RESOR

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